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COMMISSION REAFFIRMS THAT THE U.S. - MEXICAN AGREEMENT OF 1972 IS STILL IN EFFECT

This notice reaffirms that there has been no modification to the Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States concerning frequency modulation broadcasting in the 88 to 108 MHz band except for the tentative agreement to permit use of the FM baseband to 99 kHz. Specifically, there has been no change in the classification and maximum parameters of FM stations within 320 kilometers of the United States - Mexican border area.

All FM applications filed that are within 320 kilometers of the United States - Mexican border area must comply with the Annex IV curves in the Agreement dated November 19, 1972 entitled "Maximum Power versus Antenna Height." The adoption of the technical rules in Docket 80-90 changed the classifications and maximum parameters that FM stations can operate with domestically. However, FM stations within 320 kilometers of the United States - Mexican border area must still comply with the bilateral Agreement.

For example, if you are applying for a Class A FM station within 320 kilometers of the U.S. - Mexican border, the maximum parameters you may request are 3 kilowatts at an antenna height above average terrain (HAAT) of 91 meters. You may NOT request 3 kilowatts at an HAAT of 100 meters; if you do, your application will be returned as unacceptable for violating the United States - Mexican FM Agreement.

Questions regarding these procedures should be directed to Bob Greenberg on (202) 632-7166.